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'Building healthier communities' theme of Mitzvah Day April 14

By Barry Fishman

The word crisis comes to mind when describing the state of health care in our city. A shortage of doctors and registered nurses, long waiting lists for surgeries and cancer treatment, lack of home and long term-care services for the elderly and sick, and hospitals that are grossly under funded are just a few of the problems we are facing. No wonder members of the social action committees of Agudath Israel and Temple Israel, co-sponsors of this year's Mitzvah Day on "Building Healthier Communities," jokingly suggest that maybe they should be handing out valium to people attending the breakfast panel discussion Sunday, April 14 at 9:15 am at Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue. It is, as Dr. Gary Viner, director of the Family

Medicine Centre, Ottawa Hospital, Civic Campus points out, "hard not to be negative about healthcare."

Dr. Viner will be giving the keynote address during the fourth annual Mitzvah Day breakfast panel discussion. His topic is "An overview of the health care situation in Ottawa, both in the hospital system and as it impacts on family physicians and their patients."

He is surprisingly optimistic about what we as individuals can do to help build healthier communities. He believes "in empowering his patients with knowledge." In other words, he wants his patients to know how to stay healthy by eating the right foods, exercising and learning how to "live in a stressful soci-

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(Photo: Peter Waiser Photography)

In defence of Jersusalem

By Barry Fishman

For Sara Vered, chair of the Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program, this year's Yom Ha'Atzmaut ceremony celebrating the eternal city of Jerusalem has special meaning. As a young teenager she was involved in the defence of the city during the War of Independence. Surrounded by hostile enemy forces, Vered vividly remembers the flying shells, the danger of walking in the streets and the hunger as people waited for the food convoys to get through.



Sara Vered

During her last year of high school, Vered was trained as a wireless operator and spent the war years first in Jerusalem during the siege and later in the Negev. When asked if she was ever frightened during those times, she answers, "at age 17 you have no sense of death or that it can happen to you." During those terrible days of siege in Jerusalem, she fondly remembers the joy she felt when the wife of

Israeli writer S. Y. Agnon gave her a kettle of

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Jerusalem theme of 5762 Yom Ha'Azmaut celebration April 16 at Soloway JCC

Yom Hazikaron ceremony at Machzikei Hadas April 15

By Maxine Miska

with files from Barry Fishman

The link between Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut has never been so painfully explicit as it is today. Israel is under attack by terrorists who slaughter both civilians and soldiers, Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel. This year we will put down our newspapers, turn off our TVs and radios, and attend the public Yom Hazikaron Ceremony with the terrible day's headlines still before our eyes. This year we honour those who have been but recently buried as well as those fallen in Israel's defense of its nationhood over the past 54 years. The entire community is invited to the Yom Hazikaron ceremony at Congregation Machzikei Hadas on Monday, April 15 pm at 7:30 pm.

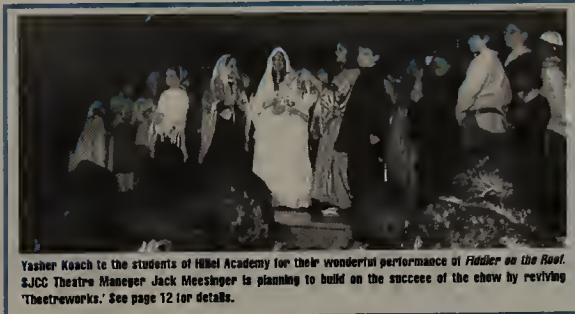
The 2002 ceremony is sponsored by the Embassy of Israel in association with the Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program.

Israel's ambassador to Canada, Haim Divon, says "Our hearts go out to all Israelis who have suffered the tragedy of losing a loved one fighting for the State of Israel. On this day we reflect upon the human cost of the wars fought for the State of Israel, and in a careful evaluation of the achievements of the modern-day State of

Israel. Israel's resolve in the face of the ongoing Palestinian conflict cannot be broken, Israel is determined to restore the security of Israel and to fight terrorism. We are deeply appreciative of the annual demonstration of solidarity and commemoration that we have received from the Ottawa Jewish community."

Jack Silverstone, executive vice president Canada Jewish Congress added "... here in Canada, the advent of Yom Hazikaron ceremonies

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Yasheer Koach to the students of Fiddler Academy for their wonderful performance of *Fiddler on the Roof*. S.JCC Theatre Manager Jack Meesinger is planning to build on the success of the show by reviving 'Theatreworks'. See page 12 for details.

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Yom Hazikaron ceremony at Machzikei Hadas April 15

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is a solemn statement of gratitude and respect for the heroes of the Israel Defence Forces, the border police, the police and security services who paid the ultimate price to keep Israel secure for the sake of her citizens and for Jews worldwide."

Shimon Fogel, national executive director, Canada-Israel Committee believes that "our first obligation to

Israel is to recognize and honour those that have lost their lives so we can enjoy the benefits of an independent sovereign state." By attending Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut ceremonies we are, he says, "expressing our solidarity with Israel and letting the world know that we as Jews can be counted on in our commitment to Israel in these troubled times."

When Yom Hazikaron ends, Israelis celebrate their Day of Independence, Yom Ha'Atzmaut. The Ottawa Jewish community is invited to join in this celebration on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 pm at the Rose and Joseph Ages Family Building at 21 Nadolny Sachs Private. The theme of this year's program is Jerusalem, the focus of Jewish hopes and prayers and the pivot of Jewish history.

The program will feature readings and songs by the Shira Ottawa Choir and the Hillel Academy Choir. Following the program everyone is invited to an Israeli dance party featuring the Yaacov Sassi band from Montreal. The theme of Jerusalem will be illuminated through drawings, paintings, and poems by the children of the various Ottawa Jewish schools in the lobby.

On Wednesday, April 17 at 10:00 am, the community is invited to attend the Flag Raising Ceremony in honour of Yom Ha'Atzmaut in front of the Rose and Joseph Ages Family Building.

This year at Passover the phrase "Next year in Jerusalem" was uttered in most Jewish households, but the phrase has as many interpretations as stones in the Kotel. For some it was a promise of *aliyah*, a return home, a visit to family; for others it is a prayer for the coming of the Messiah or for

the rebuilding of the Temple. The city of Jerusalem as well, has had multiple meanings: the Jerusalem of historical research, of archeological excavation, of prayer, of legend, and of song.

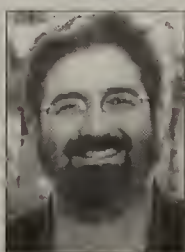
Celebrate the eternal city of Jerusalem and Yom Ha'Atzmaut Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 pm at the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building 21 Nadolny Sachs Private. By attending the celebration you are making a statement of support for Israel during these difficult times.

Mitzvah Day: 'Building healthier communities'

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ety." A knowledgeable patient is a person who is not making inappropriate use of the health care system. He remarks that of one of his student doctors is amazed that very few of Dr. Viner's patients come to see him because of just a cold.

Dr. Viner believes health care is a partnership between patient and doctor. He considers himself an adviser responsible for giving his patients the proper information and he hopes the patient will buy into it and be responsible. As an educator, Viner teaches his residents "how to listen and have a credible relationship with patients." He believes part of his job is "to create professionals who want to have a partnership with their patients."

Dr. Viner's work in the hospital and Hillel Lodge has taught him the value of volunteering. Hospitals and other community organizations desperately need help. Marlene Goldfarb Cherun, assistant director, Jewish



Dr. Gary Viner

Family Services of Ottawa, will discuss 'the impact of the health care crisis on the Jewish community and how volunteers can help. Cherun believes that "the idea of community is everybody's business" and volunteering is "part of making a caring community." She is hoping that those attending the panel discussion will come up with new creative ideas to help solve some of the problems we are facing, and get involved in lending a hand.

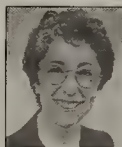
Other panel members include Robert Pelletier, community treatment coordi-

nator, Ottawa Hospital and Carol Burrows, chairperson of the former Community Care Access Centre board of directors. Pelletier's topic will be 'the front line health care situation, including mental health care' and Burrows will speak on 'home care and long-term care services.'

An important aspect of Mitzvah Day is the Marketplace. Approximately 30 social service/ medical agencies from Ottawa will be represented. They will have

information on the services they offer the community and will list opportunities for volunteering. According to Mitzvah Day organizer Rhea Wohl, "the hope is that those attending will be inspired to take on volunteer roles with some of these agencies and thereby do a mitzvah by helping those in need."

Mitzvah Day takes place Sunday, April 14, beginning at 9:15 am at Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, Ottawa.



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(JAFI) and the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

JAFI has developed a comprehensive program to restore hope to members of Argentina's Jewish community by strengthening the *aliyah* infrastructure. Together with the government of Israel, they have established a special joint program to target potential new immigrants and provide them with the opportunity to build a future in Israel. This unique program provides a special package

of absorption benefits.

Aliyah is not a solution for everyone, and that is where the JDC comes in. JDC has a current caseload of 15,000 individuals in Argentina, which is expected to jump to 21,500 or about 10% of the Jewish population this year. Unfortunately, over 26,000 Jews are living below the poverty line, 1700 of which are homeless. Through dozens of social assistance centers, JDC distributes food packages and/or vouchers, medicine, crisis counselling and emergency financial assistance. To date, 1000 elderly receive clothing, medication, and rent subsidies monthly. Working toward a long term solution, JDC also provides job search assistance, job re-training, small business loans as well as consolidation and re-engineering of the local Jewish community.

To find out more about these UJA beneficiaries and their work, you can visit their websites: www.jdc.org and www.jewishagency.org.il.

Volunteer profile: Teresa Schwarzfeld

Where do you volunteer?

In addition to making calls for UJA, I am active in Hadassah-WIZO both nationally and locally, coordinating the National Public Affairs Education and Programming Department and as Past President of Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO. I volunteer making *teleshalom* calls for Jewish Family Services and have chaired and been involved in a number of projects for Temple Israel.

What do you find most challenging about volunteering?

The issue I always consider when determining how I spend my volunteer time and where I put my charitable dollars is to find a comfortable equilibrium between local and Israel-based organizations. Over the years, the community pendulum has swung to support local institutions, and I balance this by direct involvement in organizations promoting health and social services in Israel.

Besides volunteering, what are your hobbies?

Cross country skiing, gourmet cooking, reading and gardening.



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Author Unknown
(submitted by Sarah Swedler)

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Avremi, grade 3, Rambam Maimonides

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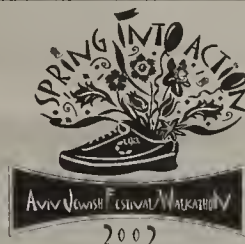
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I lift up my eyes ...



An elderly couple receives a monthly food package through the JDC-sponsored Emmanu-El Social Assistance Program.

The bottom line

The Jewish Students Association not only provides students with Shabbat dinners, holiday programming, classes on Judaism and a chance to socialize with other Jews, we also provide a political voice on campus to help counteract the pro-Palestinian lobby. By supporting our students, the community ensures that the next generation will understand the need for involvement and commitment.

Ann Silverstone, Director, Jewish Students Association

Embassy invites community to Yom Hazikaron ceremony

By Jason Muscant

At 7:30 pm, Monday, April 15, 2002, at Congregation Machzikei Hadas, the Embassy of Israel, in association with the Vered Israel Cultural Program, will be holding a public Yom Hazikaron Ceremony. Yom Hazikaron is a day of remembrance for those who fell in the struggle for the birth and defence of the State of Israel. It is a day where all Jews, through self-reflection, rededicate themselves to the State of Israel, so that they may be worthy of the sacrifice made by those who died for Israel's survival.

Both the magnitude and the importance of their sacrifice are made painfully clear every day. During the last 18 months of the Palestinian intifada, the Jewish right to exist as a nation has been violently challenged by unmitigated violence and terror. Every day, Israeli citizens are forced to confront the possibility of terror in pizza parlours, discotheques, waiting outside synagogues, or getting onto buses.

Despite this, Israeli resolve remains strong, for every Israeli remembers the sacrifices made to make Israel not just a homeland for

Israelis, but a home for the entire global Jewish community.

It is thus traditional that on Yom Hazikaron, members of the Jewish community gather together to partake in their collective Jewish memory, by expressing their shared respect and gratitude for those who gave their lives for Israel's independence and continued existence.

Please join us to honour these courageous men and women, and reaffirm our connection with Israel and the continuity of historical Jewish experience as a whole.



JET honours Rabbi Zischa and Lauren Shaps April 30

By Zev Singer

Rabbi Zischa Shaps and his wife, Lauren, sat at their Shabbos table. So did 27 other people. It was a bit like the miracle of Chanukah: just as the apparent lack of oil didn't prevent the menorah from burning eight days, here, the apparent lack of space didn't stop the ever-arriving guests from finding a place to sit and eat and sing and talk.

Rabbi and Mrs. Shaps – probably rendered imperturbable by the five kids they brought into the world over a ten-year period – didn't mind the traffic. They were smiling. A house filled with young Jewish people, university age and a bit older, was exactly the kind of beautiful chaos they had always wanted.

They do this twice a month. No joke.

The amazing thing is that if you look at a list of programs put on by JET, Jewish Education through Torah, the

non-profit organization they started a decade ago here in Ottawa, this is just one program out of dozens. To give you an idea of their level of energy, when Rabbi Shaps recently gave me a list of JET Programs, he forgot to even include this one.

Later this month, on Tuesday, April 30, there will be a reception to celebrate the tenth anniversary of JET and to honour the couple at the heart of it. Let me tell you why I'm going to buy a ticket.

In the last year, close to 1000 people have participated in JET programs. In some cases they learned how to take part in Jewish holidays or what to do if they want to run a kosher kitchen. At other programs they can reflect upon and discuss philosophical questions.

Finding one's place within Judaism requires knowledge. Knowledge and good feelings go together. That is, while Shabbos at the Shaps'

house is very enjoyable, the idea is not just to make Judaism fun. Bowling is fun as well. The idea is to unlock the great beauty in Judaism, the wisdom, which not only moves the heart but also gives us insight into what's truly important in life.

Rabbi and Mrs. Shaps have immeasurably helped me in giving me the knowledge to fill my life with Jewish values.

The reception, which will be at Machzikei Hadas at 7:30 pm, will be very enjoyable. I promise. But it is also important. Please look for your invitation in the mail, otherwise call the JET office (798-9818, ext. 247).

In defence of Jersualem

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hot water. What a luxury to be able to take a bath!

One day, as shells exploded around her, Vered was surprised to see an older Jewish man from one of the local old-age homes out on the street. As she led him by the hand back to his home, she asked why he was outside. He replied, "You have your job to do and I have mine." While Vered and her

friends were defending Jerusalem, he was on his way back from the synagogue where he had said Kaddish on Lag Ba'Omer for those Jewish heroes of 2,000 years ago.

Having herself faced the danger of war, Vered "knows what the people of Jerusalem and Israel are going through." She is proud that "this year – a year of tremendous challenges, sorrow and

pain – we are dedicating our Yom Ha'Atzmaut gathering to the city from which we draw our strength, to the city which unites us all, Jerusalem."

What better way, she says, than to show your solidarity for Israel by attending the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 pm at the Joseph and Rose Agas Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private



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Simon Wiesenthal director of national affairs to address Good tribute

By Sunny Tavel

For the past four decades Mendel Good has lectured in classrooms and auditoriums throughout all the Ottawa Boards of Education, telling his story and thereby making the history of both the Holocaust and World War Two a hard but touching reality. In today's world of Holocaust nay sayers, Mendel Good's witness to these events has had a profound effect on the



Valerie and Mendel Good

youth who have had the opportunity to hear him.

On Sunday May 5, 2002, at 2:00 pm Valerie and

Mendel Good will be honoured for their dedication to perpetuating Holocaust education.

The Goods have garnered a high level of respect for their openness and commitment.

"Mendel Good, together with his dear wife Valerie, has become a legendary figure in our community," says Rabbi Reuven Bulka. "The bitter experiences they endured have become the

vehicle for Mendel's determined, impassioned and inspired work to educate the future generation of Canadians to enhance each other in a spirit of harmony and mutual appreciation. They are good for us and good for Canada."

Leo Adler, director of National Affairs, Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center For Holocaust Studies, will pay tribute to the Goods by delivering the keynote

address. A musical interlude and high tea will follow the program.

The event will take place in the social hall of the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building at 21 Nadoyny Sachs Private. Tickets for the May 5 event may be obtained from Sunny Tavel (741-7777), Sara Breiner (828-1446), Harry Prizant (521-9341), Zelaene Shinder (233-0946) or Alyce Baker (798-4696, ext. 255).

"Families, friends, Lowertown - a retrospective"

The Ottawa Jewish Historical Society opening event of the season, the Ben Karp Memorial Lecture, will offer an in-depth appreciation of the close-knit, kind and caring community of Lowertown of yesteryear. Last summer's successful Lowertown Bus Tour gave a taste of the physical area of a thriving Lowertown community. To continue and enlarge upon this theme, Mrs. Sylvia Kershman will speak about the historical and personal

aspects of life in that era and location. One of the highlights to be displayed is a map of the area showing where many of the families lived and worked. The audience will be invited to add names and details to this map which will reside with the Ottawa Jewish Archives upon completion.

Sylvia Kershman was born, raised and educated in Ottawa at York St. Public School, Lisgar Collegiate and Willis Business College

and was a resident of Lowertown for 38 years. She is the daughter of the late Wolf and Kele Leikin Bodovsky, proprietors of W. Bodovsky Meat Market located in the Byward Market. It was in her parents' store and subsequently in fruit stores such as Drazin, Zaretsky, Shulman, Swedko and Coopersmith that she obtained her first working experiences. Mrs. Kershman is also a Management Graduate of the National Institute of Drycleaning in

Silver Spring, Maryland.

Sylvia joined the Civil Service in 1942, at the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on Sussex Street, then at Royal Canadian Air Force Headquarters and later at the National Film Board.

During that time she was active in the Ottawa Civil Service Recreational Association - today known as RA.



Sylvia Kershman

She was the RA radio reporter on Radio Station CKCO.

The character "Helen" on the Alfie and Andy and Santa Claus Radio Show was played by Sylvia.

She was an active participant in war entertainment shows for the RA and Royal Canadian Legion, and theatre productions with the Royal Canadian Air Force

and Jewish theatre groups.

Sylvia married Harry Kershman, z"l, at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue in 1948 and they were blessed with two sons, Stanley and John. Together, Harry and Sylvia opened a dry-cleaning plant, Bonnie Cleaners Limited which they operated for many years.

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Reform movement reaches out to those interested in Judaism

By Ezra R. Miller

There are 36 references in the Torah exhorting Jews to welcome the stranger (in Hebrew, the *ger*). This is something that Jack Kugelmass, director of outreach for the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism makes a point of repeating in his talks about reaching out to those who have chosen to become Jews, or those living or married to Jews.

As part of a special program at Temple Israel, Kugelmass gave two lectures about outreach and facilitated study sessions involving intermarried couples as well as recent converts to Judaism.

The outreach program is addressed to several groups: Jews by choice (converts to Judaism) and their partners and families, Jews who marry non-Jews and their respective extended families including their children, teachers of Jewish children who come from diverse backgrounds, and non-Jews who are "seekers," that is, who have a curiosity or interest in Judaism.

Kugelmass identified three key challenges with respect to outreach.

First is the attitude of the Jewish community generally to what Kugelmass terms



Temple Israel outreach committee members with Jack Kugelmass (front row from left to right): Lynne O'Neil, committee chair, Penny Prudhomme; (back row) Leonard Stern, Jack Kugelmass, Oar Blue, Christine Hamilton and Linda Steingarten.

(Photo: Ezra R. Miller)

"seekers," people who, for whatever reason, are interested in Judaism and are thinking about becoming Jewish.

Second is the matter of integration of those who have chosen Judaism, into Jewish community life in a way that they are truly welcome, in a way that they do not feel they constantly have to prove themselves.

Finally is the challenge of helping *gerim* to be able to make Jewish choices for themselves and for their families.

The Canadian Outreach Director addressed Temple Israel at both Friday

evening and Shabbat morning services during his weekend of programs in Ottawa. In his commentary on the special *maftir* read for Shabbat Zachor, in which the Hebrews are commanded to never forget the atrocities of the Amalakiites, Kugelmass maintained that a key message of this text is "to know who are enemies are," meaning that *gerim* are not enemies of the Jews. He also noted that Judaism has a long tradition of dealing with the stranger in our midst and that "we believe that the *ger* stood with us at Sinai." Kugelmass also dis-

tinguished between Judaism and "Jewishness," and that insofar as "our tradition says that we are all Jews by choice," this refers to choosing Judaism as a system of laws and beliefs as contrasted with merely a sense of Jewishness derived from eating certain foods or having a preference for certain movies, etc.

He says that about 40 per cent of Jews in Canada are marrying non-Jews. Within

the Reform movement in the United States, about 5,000 people convert to Judaism each year while the number in Canada is somewhere between 350 and 500.

Kugelmass notes, that "within the context of conversion, Reform Rabbis follow *halacha* (Jewish religious law)" requiring "the same elements as Orthodoxy."

Referring to a growing level of interest in Judaism amongst non-Jews, Kugelmass noted that, across North America, many thousands have attended "A Taste of Judaism," events held at many Reform congregations, including Temple Israel, that offer the opportunity for non-Jews to obtain an overview of Judaism in the hope that it will interest them in further study and exploration of the religion.

Ottawa's Temple Israel has an active Outreach Committee chaired by Lynne O'Neil, who, herself, converted to Judaism about four years ago. O'Neil's

interest in Judaism led her to take an introductory course offered at Temple Israel. This helped her clarify that Judaism was "the right spiritual path" for her to take.

Penny Prudhomme, a member of Temple Israel's Outreach Committee, who hosted one of the study sessions with Jack Kugelmass, noted the need to study Torah, text and commentaries, the Hebrew language and Jewish traditions if one is to truly become integrated into the Jewish community. Prudhomme has been interested in Judaism for much of her life, but it was her participation in "A Taste of Judaism" event that led her to seek conversion, which she accomplished about a year ago. She noted the high degree of commitment needed to be a Jew, whether by birth or by choice.

"Anything worth doing requires some effort," she said in reference to the need to learn Hebrew, study sacred texts and learn Jewish history and traditions.



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In recent years, a central place in the Independence Day celebrations is set aside for the Bible Quiz for Jewish Youth from Israel and abroad. At the end of the day, in the presence of State of Israel President Moshe Katsav, the Israel Prize is awarded to those who excelled in the various scientific disciplines.

The Government of Israel set aside the day before Independence Day, the 4th of Iyar, as Yom Hazikaron, a General Memorial Day to remember those who fell in the battle for the rebirth of the land and the State of Israel, in the War of Liberation and in ensuing battles. The eve of Memorial Day opens with the kindling of a memorial light in the plaza of the Western Wall. Relatives of those who fell in Israel's wars visit the military cemeteries and light memorial candles in their homes.

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Mark Klyman

Emunah's Mother in Israel event to honour Devora Caytak, May 7

By Lynne Cohen

This year's Mother in Israel event of Emunah of Ottawa promises to be memorable. Not only will it honour Devora Caytak, director of the Jewish Youth Library, as matriarch of the year, but the special guest speaker will be Chana Melamed, Emunah's world chairperson, from Israel.

Devora Caytak needs little introduction to the Ottawa Jewish community. The Jewish Youth Library (JYL), which lends a wide variety of Jewish books not readily available elsewhere in the city, is also a popular meeting place for friends. Over the years, Caytak has organized dozens of classes and invited many guest speakers to the library. She also runs Jewish Pre-School of the Arts (formerly Tiny Treasures), a preschool with a decidedly Jewish perspective.

Elected January 2 for a second term as world chair of Emunah, Chana



Devora Caytak

Melamed, who was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1932, will speak on the disturbing subject of how the current conflict in Middle East is affecting children in Israel.

Chana Melamed has a fascinating and varied background. Raised in Israel from the age of seven, she graduated from teachers college in Jerusalem in 1952. She was active in the Religious Zionist Youth Movement while in Israel, and even served on the national executive as chair of the Tel Aviv branch.

As a teacher in Tel Aviv,



Chana Melamed

Melamed worked with underprivileged children between 1952 and 1960. Soon after marrying, she moved to the United States where she taught elementary school in Flatbush,

New York City, while her husband studied.

Back in Israel, she taught in Tel Aviv for three years until joining the education ministry as a supervisor of special curriculum for problem students. Since 1978, she has been head of the Homes and Schools Departments for the Network of Emunah Schools.

Chana Melamed will be speaking May 7 at the Minto Place Hotel, 433 Laurier Avenue West, in the Vanier Salon. The event starts at 7:30 pm and the cost is \$18 for members and spouses, and \$20 for non-members.



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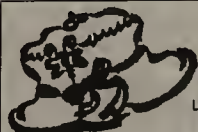
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VAAD Report

**Ruth Levitan
President
AJA 50+**

Editor's note: Vaad President Gerald Levitz has arranged to share his column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so that they can provide some insight into their operations.

When AJA 50+ published its first program guide in late August 2000, the founding members had no idea that only a year and a half later close to 450 people would embrace the organization and create a powerful voice for the 50+ population in our Jewish community. The AJA 50+ initiative tapped into a segment of the Jewish population that was invisible to the Jewish community at large, and worse, invisible to itself.

Initially, three areas of need were identified, programming, transportation and housing. However it soon became clear that the adults in our community wanted an opportunity to socialize, exchange ideas and take part in easily accessible cultural and recreational pursuits at affordable prices, none of which was offered on an on-going basis to our adult community at large. Although programming needs were dealt with first, it was felt that AJA 50+ would eventually become a springboard for the community's efforts to provide Jewish retirement housing.



How I see it

Bob Dale

How much should we care about the Roman Catholic Church's attempt to portray Pope Pius XII as a hero of the Holocaust, and the efforts that are now underway within the Church to declare him a saint?

Daniel Jonah Goldhagen lays out the facts in an article published in *The New Republic*. Eugenio Pacelli served as the Vatican's emissary to Germany from 1918 to 1930, then as Vatican secretary of state starting in 1930, before becoming Pius XII in 1939. As the Vatican's secretary of State, Pacelli (whose personal anti-Semitism Goldhagen documents) hastened to negotiate a treaty of cooperation with Hitler's Germany. Among other things, the treaty helped legitimate the Nazi regime in the eyes of the world.

Neither as secretary of state nor later as Pope, says Goldhagen, did Pacelli instruct Church officials to stop preaching anti-Semitism, which they continued to spread in their sermons and in the Church's own publications. Some of these were under Pius' regular supervision. Pius' ardour for the Germans and German conquest, says Goldhagen, wasn't dampened by the fact that the Germans aimed to virtually annihilate European Jewry. As late as 1941, Pius expressed a "special love" for Germans and regularly held audiences with German soldiers.

According to Goldhagen's research, the Pope was briefed regularly about events as the Holocaust unfolded, often from Church officials. These briefings appeared to have little effect on his attitude. When the Polish ambassador raised the question of mass murder of Jews with the Pope in 1944, says Goldhagen, Pius XII got angry at him. Not every Church official was indifferent to the plight

AJA 50+ takes the community by storm

As the needs and size of this 50+ population became apparent, the founding members realized that this group also had the potential of strengthening the ties that bind us as a community. By visibly enhancing their lifestyle within new and existing Jewish institutions, they would set an enthusiastic example to our younger age groups by showing that the Jewish community indeed has something of value to offer.

Building on this philosophy, the organization sought to reach out to all members of the Jewish community, regardless of their affiliation. Our membership numbers indicate that we have been successful. We are gratified that the Vaad has endorsed our efforts and that the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, Jewish Family Services, Hillel Lodge and the area synagogues have extended their cooperation.

At present, AJA 50+ relies on volunteers for its success. Our members' has come forward in surprising numbers to help run the programs. They bring a vast array of energy, expertise and knowledge and many are active in other community institutions, be it their synagogues, UJA, Meals on Wheels, or wherever else that may be needed. As our membership increases the demands placed on a volunteer organization increase. One of our challenges will be to provide professional expertise and service without compromising the volunteer basis of the group.

We must reaffirm our goals for the future. It is recognized by health professionals that relieving isolation and giving people a sense of purpose and a reason to get out of bed in the morning, goes a long way towards improv-

ing their health. As well, there are spinoffs in every aspect of Jewish communal life. Therefore, our primary goal is to provide our members with abundant opportunities for socializing, fitness, and healthy recreational and cultural pursuits. With a generous fitness grant from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship Culture and Recreation, AJA 50+ has been partnering with the SJCC for the past year in providing fitness and aquafit classes geared to the needs and interests of our members. We hope to continue this partnership for many years to come.

The original focus of recognizing the need for Jewish retirement housing is far too important to be dropped from our agenda. As a community, we have provided admirably for long-term care with the completion of Hillel Lodge. AJA 50+ applied for and received a grant from Homegrown Solutions (funded by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) to conduct a feasibility study with the purpose of identifying solutions to the complex housing needs of the senior population of the Ottawa Jewish community. The study is about to enter the third and final stage with a final report due in July 2002. As well, as part of our outreach, we have applied for grants to address the transportation needs of our members who are housebound.

AJA 50+ will continue with social action and advocacy on behalf of the 50+ population in areas that affect their health and welfare. We will keep the community informed of our activities and provide our community planners with updates on the needs of this population in housing and services.

Watch for us. Join us. We're in step, and stepping out!

Not a hero of the Holocaust

of the Jews, notes Goldhagen, reminding his readers that individual priests, nuns, and others protected and saved Jews. The problem was that this took place on an ad hoc basis. Pius XII never privately instructed European cardinals, bishops, priests, and nuns to do whatever they could to save the Jews. He never protested or instructed others to hide Jews when the Germans deported them from Italy or any other country, including from his own city, Rome. Given the Pope's level of influence, a strongly worded statement could have saved many lives. As one of perhaps many vehicles that could have been used, Goldhagen notes how many German soldiers, troubled by the terrible tasks they had been ordered to do, likely went to confession. The priests who heard them (who had often themselves also observed the atrocities first hand) could have been ordered to counsel them to stop.

Given the passage of time, and the Vatican's recent attempts to patch up relations with the Jewish people, should we take a stance on the issue of sainthood for the Pius XII? Some people feel that this matter has nothing to do with us. We know what the wartime Pope really did (or didn't do), goes their argument, and his actions are a matter of record whether or not the Church makes him a saint. Besides, they ask, wouldn't it look bad, and create resentment, if Jews got involved in an internal Church debate?

That's not my view. If Pius XII becomes a saint, a sense of holiness will come to be associated with his name. If that happens, his insensitivity to the mass murder of European Jewry, something he evidently knew about, would be viewed as a minor, insignificant footnote to an otherwise sterling reputation, instead of the offensive character fault that it obviously was. Also, think of how much easier it might be for modern-day anti-Semites to justify their own reprehensible actions, given that a man who was evidently worthy of sainthood felt, at best, that anti-Semitism wasn't important enough to act against, and likely had similar views of the world himself.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks has said that anti-Semitism is undeniably the most successful ideology of modern times. Fascism, says Rabbi Sacks, came and went, as did Soviet Communism. Anti-Semitism came and stayed. Its success, says Rabbi Sacks, is due to the fact that like a virus, it mutates, at times directed at Jews as individuals, at times (as in today's Arab world) as Jews as a sovereign people. The common factor is that Jews, uniquely, are denied the right to exist, whether within Israel or in any other country.

Pius XII, despite Church attempts to rehabilitate him, was not a righteous Gentile. He could have saved thousands of lives, maybe more, but chose not to because the virus of anti-Semitism had apparently infected him. That's not the stuff of which saints are made.

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Editor

Barry Fishman

The tiny Central American country of Guatemala is upset with many of the Arab-sponsored resolutions coming out of the 58th United Nations Commission on Human Rights (UNCHR) which brands Israel as a bigoted racist state. According to the *National Post*, Antonio Arenales, Guatemala's ambassador to the UN in Geneva, believes the one-sided resolutions fail to recognize Israel's right to exist. "The Palestinian Authority has to guarantee and respect the right of self-determination of the Jewish people in addition to their own rights," he says.

Considering the makeup of the 53-member panel (it includes countries such as Syria, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Sierra Leone, Libya, Cuba and China), there is no question that the resolutions will pass. The United States was ejected from the human rights commission last May and the Guatemalans are hoping that Canada will pick up the slack and call for votes on each measure attacking Israel. By doing this, Canada will be showing the world that not all 53 members of the human rights commission agree with the resolutions.

Will Canada call for a vote? Ambassador Yehuda Lancyr, Israel's representative to the UN is hopeful. At a recent press briefing at the Israeli Embassy, the ambassador says that he expects "Canada to play a contributing role in Geneva" and is hopeful, "it will take the lead and inspire other countries to voice their objections." Canada, he says, can prevent the "automatic approval" of the resolutions by calling for a vote. He would like

Will Canada call for a vote?

Canada to be "our voice" at the meetings in Geneva. The ambassador is grateful for its past support at the UN and for Canada's strong stand in speaking out against the anti-Israel and anti-Jewish resolutions at the Durban conference last summer.

Will Israel supporters be heard or, like Durban, will this conference degenerate into an anti-Israel anti-Semitic tirade against Israel and World Jewry? Early indications are not promising. The Algerian ambassador to the UNCHR in Geneva reportedly compared Israel to the Nazis, saying "Kristallnacht repeats itself daily" against "the ghettoized Palestinian people." By the way, according to Amnesty International, "human rights violations have become institutionalized" during the 10-year-old government-enforced state-of-emergency in Algeria and more than 100,000 people have died, including 22 mostly women and children hacked to death with axes a mere three months ago.

Canada has promised to work with Israel to bring more balance to debates about the Middle East. Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham insists that Canada will consult with Israel before reacting to any of the UNCHR resolutions at the Geneva conference. As of press time, the Canadian government has been non-committal on supporting Israel's wish for a ballot on all proposed Arab resolutions.

Canada cannot stop the commission from passing the bigoted anti-Israel resolutions. However, now with the US out of the picture, Canada is the only country at the conference which can make sure Israel is treated fairly. We must insist that no "consensus resolutions" concerning Israel be allowed to pass. What is needed is an open vote which allows the supporters of Israel the right to reply to the accusations being made. At the very least, Canada's active participation could help tone down the rhetoric and make the whole process somewhat fairer.

You can make your views known to the Canadian government by contacting Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham at Graham.B@parl.gc.ca.

Mailbag

Non-ritual slaughter humane

Dear Editor:

I'd like to clarify one of the points in the *Kosher food goes mainstream* article of March 4, 2002. It is incorrect to say that non-kosher animals are slaughtered by being "electrocuted en masse." I presume the author is referring to stunning, which is done individually, before the animals are slaughtered by having their jugular vein severed. It, therefore, isn't fair to say that ritual slaughter is more humane than non-ritual slaughter. If done properly, as outlined in the federal *Meat Inspection Act and Regulations*, both methods are humane.

Elaine Vininsky

Not all kosher products healthier

Dear Editor:

In the *Kosher food goes mainstream* article it states: "Many people buy kosher just because it is perceived as a healthier choice."

Would that it were so! Challah made with white flour and deceptive, artificial yellow colouring or "rye" bread made with brown colouring are certainly not as nutritious as 100 per cent whole wheat bread. Many other kosher products contain artificial colouring or flavouring of questionable safety and other additives whose sole purpose is to deceive the buyer into thinking he is buying a better product.

Irma Cohen



From the pulpit

Rabbi Steven Garten
Temple Israel

Two hundred and fifty Reform Rabbis from Canada, the United States, Europe and Israel have gathered in Jerusalem for the 113th convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. In a few moments I will welcome them to Jerusalem. What words are appropriate on such an occasion? The words of Irving Layton resonate in my mind. In his poem entitled "O Jerusalem", Layton writes: "Jerusalem, you will be betrayed again and again ... O Jerusalem you're too pure and break men's hearts, you are a dream of prophets, not for our clay, and drive men mad by your promised impossible peace." I have never understood Layton's poem. This trip I begin to comprehend his meaning.

I have been in the "Holy City" for two days – it feels like an eternity. I have entered stores and restaurants bereft of patrons. Owners act as if my presence is a harbinger of Messianic times. I have witnessed events that make my skin turn cold. Young men, Arab in appearance, are randomly stopped in the streets. They are searched, asked for identification and questioned in an accusatory tone that betrays the anxiety of the entire city. I have walked at night in this city many times in the past thirty-two years. I have never been afraid. I am afraid now. Just the previous evening while walking to the new city hall complex, an Arab looking gentleman verbally accosts me. I do not

Peace at what price?

understand the words. I understand the tone. This is not the city of peace of which King David praised in his psalms.

The opening evening comes and goes and I have not spoken. There are no words of welcome, which seem fitting in these circumstances.

The next day I am sitting in the Auditorium of the Knesset. Each major party has been invited to address the convention. Four parties have accepted but only two make an appearance. Labour and Likud cannot be seen talking to Reform Rabbis in the aftermath of the recent Supreme Court ruling regarding conversions.

Tommy Lapid representing Shinu, a left wing secular party is speaking. His message is predictable, and jet lag has me dozing off. I hear something that shocks me out of my slumber and wakes me up. He announces that he is the last Holocaust survivor in the Knesset. Can it be that after fifty-three years there are no other survivors serving in that capacity? What will happen to the witnessing that the presence of survivors demands?

I learn what will happen two days later. The IDF invades a Palestinian refugee camp and the prisoners are handcuffed together. Then each prisoner receives a number on his or her forehead or arm. The imagery is painful. The only public voice of disgust is raised by Tommy Lapid. He reminds the politicians, the army, the population that numbers tattooed on human beings is an abomination. Only the last survivor of the Shoah sitting in the Knesset sees the incongruity of these events.

In a flash I understand Layton's words. "Jerusalem, you will be betrayed..." Layton was not speaking of soldiers whose might was insufficient to protect the city: he was

speaking of those whose behaviours betray the eternal message of the Hebrew prophets. The memory of the victims of the Shoah is betrayed when our actions insufficiently reflect the difference between behaviours we condemn and those actions made in the name of Jewish self-preservation.

Four days later Rabbi Michael Melchior, deputy foreign minister, addresses the convention. He has just returned from the funeral of a victim of a terrorist attack. The deceased had been a young woman that worked in his ministry offices. The Orthodox Rabbi speaking to Reform Rabbis makes one point. It is the point that the atheist Knesset member has made. The situation, *hamatzav*, is intolerable; the current pattern of violence must cease. That message I have heard for five straight days, but Melchior adds the unexpected caveat, peace is not worth any price. "If we surrender our values, our history, our commitment to the prophetic vision of decency and a higher standard of human behaviour, then that peace is not a Jewish peace."

I am now back in Ottawa and Yom HaShoah is rapidly approaching. This year, like each year, I ponder how to create a fitting memorial to those who have died and those who have survived. Yes the candles will be lit; the songs will be songs, the names of concentration camps intoned and Kaddish recited. Yet this year no image will more powerfully serve as a dedication to the victims of the Shoah than that of MK Tommy Lapid, the last survivor in the Knesset, holding up a tattooed arm and demanding of us all, a life of Jewish values which proclaim "we will never forget."

New route and more activities planned for Aviv Jewish Festival and Walkathon

By Debbie Harris Tobin

Spring is here and it's almost time to get out your bikes, roller blades, skateboards, scooters (or *korkinets* in Israel) and join us on May 26 for the United Jewish Appeal's Aviv Jewish Festival and Walkathon.

It has become a part of the UJA Walkathon tradition that with each year comes a new route — longer or shorter, parkway or no parkway! This year is no exception. Our route has been extended to the Ottawa River Parkway and makes up a distance of approximately 10 km (more than twice the distance of last year's route). For those who can't wait to check out the activities back on the Jewish Community Campus, there's an option of a shorter route with a turnaround at the first checkpoint.

Opening ceremonies are at 9:15 a.m. and the Walkathon beginning immediately after. Plan to make a day out of it, so you and your

family will have enough time to enjoy all the activities taking place throughout the morning and afternoon.

Chai Walkers are a major reason why the annual Walkathon is such a successful fundraiser for the community's UJA Campaign. A Chai Walker is someone who collects a minimum of \$1000 in pledges, and many of our Chai Walkers raise double or even triple this amount. This year's Chai Walker committee chair is Jason Shinder, and his goal is to surpass last year's number of Chai Walkers. Special Chai Walker sponsor forms are now available, so start enlisting the aid of family, friends and business associates.

Murray Citron has been a Chai Walker for approximately 20 years. Last year the Walkathon fell on the day of his daughter's wedding, but this did not deter Murray Citron from participating. He arranged to walk the route

the week before the wedding so as not to miss out on the special event. He enjoys walking and the Walkathon provides him with the opportunity to do something he likes while supporting UJA. According to Citron, the main reason to be a Chai Walker is that it affords the community the chance to raise funds that might not otherwise be raised. In addition, it is a community-wide social event that brings many people together.

One of his fondest Walkathon memories was the time that he suddenly saw a

white-rumped sandpiper skim the surface of the water on its migration back to the Canadian Arctic. A rare sight for Ottawa! You never know whom or what you might bump into on the Walkathon. If you would like to join the ranks of the Chai Walkers, email us at festival@jccottawa.com for a sign-up package or call the UJA office (798-4696, ext. 248).

One of the most exciting new features of Aviv Jewish Festival is the Marketplace, which is chaired by Judy Pleet. It is an excellent opportunity for local crafters

and artisans to show and sell their Judaic works. Local schools, synagogues, groups, and individuals are also welcome to apply for a table. Any UJA supported organization will be charged a \$50 deposit (fully refundable on the day of the event). All other applicants will be charged a non-refundable fee

of \$54. For an application form or more information, email us at festival@jccottawa.com or call the UJA office (798-4696, ext. 250).

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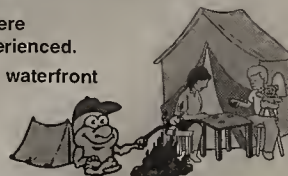
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Beth Shalom Congregation holds memorial service for Daniel Pearl

By Maxine Miska

A memorial service, attended by over 100 people, was held for Daniel Pearl at Congregation Beth Shalom on March 24. Pearl was a journalist for the *Wall Street Journal*. He was kidnapped and executed by Islamic terrorists in Pakistan while pursuing a lead on a story concerning Robert C. Reid, the "shoe bomber." In a video in which his captors documented the execution, Pearl's last words were "I am a Jew. My father is a Jew. My mother is a Jew."

The Ambassador of Israel, Haim Divon, the Ambassador of the United States, Paul Cellucci and the British High Commissioner, Sir Andrew Burns, were present, as well as the Honourable Don Boudria, representing the government of Canada, and Gerald Levitz, president of the Vaad Ha'Ir/Jewish Community Council. The service was chaired by Scott Anderson, editor-in-chief of the *Ottawa Citizen*. Anderson said that the *Wall Street Journal* will soon publish a book of Pearl's writings, and that the *Citizen* will make the book available to libraries and colleges.

Ambassador Divon told the audience that Pearl has become a symbol of freedom and democracy and noted that Pearl's wife had received e-mails from the Arab world sympathizing with her and urging her to oppose hatred and animosity. Divon stated that Pearl's brutal death won't be in vain and encouraged the

coalition of the United States, Great Britain and Canada to bring the terrorists to justice and remove anti-Semitism from the world.

Ambassador Cellucci pointed out that Pearl shared the fate of the victims of September 11: "He was struck down by terrorists while doing his job. His unborn child won't have the chance to enjoy a father's love... He was targeted by nationality, religion and profession." Cellucci observed the sad irony that Daniel Pearl was not a representative of the US government, but an investigative journalist attempting to bring information to the world on his own terms. "The terrorists didn't understand the freedom of the press and couldn't comprehend that he would be the first to state his independence from government."

A personal note was added by Sir Andrew Burns, who had been ambassador to Israel, was present at President Rabin's funeral, and had experienced seeing someone fighting for truth cruelly murdered. He echoed Ambassador Divon's resolve that the coalition's fight against terror must continue.

The Honourable Don Boudria stated that he hoped in the future "the world would be more peaceful than the one Pearl left," and averred that religious belief should be a hope for a better life, not a reason to end other people's lives.

In contrast to the government representatives who

stressed the coalition of allies against the terrorists in the wake of September 11, Gerald Levitz linked the execution of Daniel Pearl to the historical events memorialized this spring in the Jewish community: Yom HaShoah, Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut. Pearl was killed because he was a Jew, he was murdered by terrorists and he was vulnerable because he pursued political freedom and represented a democratic country.

Cantor Moshe Kraus, Holocaust survivor, added a philosophical dimension to the service by posing a perplexing question which defies answer: "Who are these people who can do this?" He related three personal stories about the Holocaust on the theme of Jews being killed merely because of their religion and maintaining principled behaviour in the face of a barbaric adversary.

Tom Gussman, president of Congregation Beth Shalom, developed this theme of impenetrable evil with the biblical warning to "Remember to block out the memory of Amalek." The Amalikes attacked the weakest of the Children of Israel on their way to Canaan.

The service concluded with an appreciation by journalist Margo Roston, a psalm recited by Rabbi Mordechai Berger, a memorial prayer by Cantor Yair Subar and the recitation of Mourner's Kaddish led by Cantor Moshe Kraus.

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Revival of SJCC teen drama program 'Theatreworks' planned

Theatre Arts Manager Jack Messinger is excited about the prospect of the revival of Theatreworks, the SJCC teen drama program.

"I don't know if many people realize how rare the success of Theatreworks was. Here was a typical community centre project that became a phenomenon; a testament to the passion, talent, and hard work of many, many people. Everyone I've talked to who was involved in Theatreworks says they had the time of their lives. Their eyes glisten with such emotion, you'd think they were remembering a distant glory."

In fact, Theatreworks' last show was in 1999, a truly ambitious production of the Who's Tommy which culminated an 18 year string of successful productions that included *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Fame*, *8 Babes in Arms*, *And the Winner Is...*, *Peter Pan*, *The Wizard of Oz*, all the way back to a production in 1988, of, you guessed it: *Fiddler On The Roof*.



Jack Messinger

Messinger will convene a meeting to explore the possible future of Theatreworks. He doesn't expect a return to its previous glory days. "When a grass-roots project takes off and ends somewhere in the stratosphere, it is the result of a dynamic process that can't exactly be recaptured: it's a mistake to try." However, he is aware that Theatreworks' history of success keeps the potential for high-quality theatre in the air.

The Theatreworks meeting will be held on April 21 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the SJCC Boardroom and will

be attended by past Theatreworks producers, directors, actors, etc. Some of the questions to be dealt with are: Does Theatreworks have a reason to come back? Is it necessarily a Teen theatre, or can it be open to all? Should it be Musical Theatre? What are its connections with the SJCC?

Messinger is hoping to get things going by next year. "He says, 'It will take that long, anyway, to prepare the infrastructure, and there's still a lot of people for me to meet.'"

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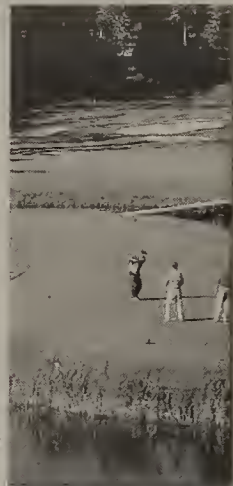
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Passing on the legacy of the Holocaust

By Bob Dale

Les and Sara Breiner, co-chairs of the Ottawa Shoah Committee want to ensure that the legacy of the Shoah gets passed on to future generations. In a recent interview, the Breiners explained why they decided to become more involved.

"Despite what happened in the Holocaust, anti-Semitism isn't dead by any stretch of the imagination," says Les, citing the findings of a recently released B'nai B'rith study that shows a 35 per cent increase in anti-Semitic activity in Canada over the past five years. "We need to fight anti-Semitism and educate people about where it could lead, in whatever way we can. That way, our children and grandchildren hopefully won't experience what my parents and grandparents, and Sara's, had to experience."

Nodding her head in agreement, Sara continues.

"Over the past 40 or so years," she adds, "a relatively small group of Holocaust survivors worked really hard to educate people in our community, both Jewish and others, about the Holocaust. They still want to stay involved, of course, but feel that others now have an obligation to pick up where they left off in terms of leadership. That's where Leslie and I come in."

The other development, observes Les, is that Mendel and Valerie Good, who spearheaded Holocaust education in Ottawa, recently moved to Toronto to be closer to their children and grandchildren. The Goods, whose efforts will be sorely missed, will be honoured for their contribution to Holocaust education at a reception at the SJCC on May 5. Tickets are still available by con-

tacting Sunny Tavel, the event organizer (741-7777) or Alyce Baker (798-4696, ext. 255).

A key goal of the Shoah Committee, says Sara, is to pass the legacy of the Holocaust on, "not only to people in our own (post-war) generation, but to those in the next generation as well." And the Breiners, both of whom have a long history of volunteer work in the Ottawa community, know they and the handful of other dedicated members who now serve on the Committee can't do it on their own.

"Les and I intend to put a lot of our time and energy into this committee," remarks Sara, "but there's far too much to do. We need other peoples' help, and frankly, we don't care if they have a direct connection with the Holocaust or not."

Les, Sara, and the other members of the Shoah Committee have already planned a series of events to help them put forward their message about the Holocaust. The community Yom HaShoah commemoration, on April 8, is the first. It now incorporates the intergenerational theme that the committee's members feel needs to be emphasized. The committee is also working on a Holocaust Education week in November, under the leadership of Ruth Braiter, to bring the messages of the Holocaust into the community at large, especially into the Jewish and the public school systems. Several people, including BC's Ken McVay, who monitors hate literature posted on the Internet, and Batia Bettman, who produced *Let Memory Speak*, a



Les Breiner



Sara Breiner

film examining what life was like for Jewish children before the Second World War, during the Holocaust, at Liberation and now, have agreed to speak. Another task the committee has undertaken is to build a comprehensive list of Holocaust speakers who can be drawn upon at various times to speak at schools and other events in the community.

"We have some real challenges ahead of us," says Les, "but I know we're up to them. The only issue, as I see it, is whether or not we can encourage other volunteers in the community to come out and help us."

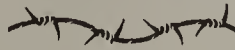
"After all," he adds, "every Jew is affected by anti-Semitism, whether they are a Holocaust survivor, a child or grandchild of a Holocaust survivor, or, like some of the members of our committee, a person whose parents or grandparents came to Canada well before the Holocaust. That's why we all need to do our part in educating people about the Holocaust."

After speaking with Les and Sara Breiner, one senses that the profile of Holocaust education and remembrance in Ottawa is about to take a steep curve in an upward direction. For further information about the committee or to help with supporting some of their planned activities, call the Breiners (828-1446) or Alyce Baker (798-4696 ext. 255).

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Chinese Buffet and Auction a success: money raised helps Torah Academy

By Zev Singer

You might call it a recent Chinese secret. After only three years, the annual Chinese Buffet and Auction at the Soloway JCC doesn't yet qualify as ancient. And if the students of Torah Academy have their say it soon won't be a secret from anyone either.

Torah Academy of Ottawa, a Jewish elementary day school, and the Soloway JCC raise money each year by exploiting a fact that's already no secret at all: Jews like Chinese food.

At least 225 people showed up to prove that point when the third annual go-round was held. The blond ponytail just visible behind mountains of egg rolls and fried rice made it obvious that Creative Kosher Catering was responsible for bringing the Asian delights to those who shun the spare rib. Leave it to David Smith to put a yarmulke on General Tao and his chicken.

Yet while the guests dined they knew it would not be the cookies that determined their fortunes. It would be the luck of the draw, and a bit of strategy.

In all, 73 prize packages were up for bid, including entertainment-filled trips to Toronto and Montreal, SJCC membership, shopping sprees, clothes, ski trips and toys. For her, a day at the spa. For him, a car shampoo and cleaning. Not that



The Chinese Buffet was a delight for those attending the Torah Academy and Soloway JCC fundraisers.

the auction is sexist - if he prefers to be shampooed himself, that's fine. She can go get the oil change.

As people contemplated the prizes, they were entertained by the beneficiaries of their generosity. The Torah Academy Choir put on a brief but energetic performance, with a nice comic touch thrown in that momentarily made people forget about their plates and the friends at their tables.

When the time came to draw for the prizes, what became obvious was that a number people were doing very well in the draw. Barbara Siegel probably got blisters walking to and from the podium, so often was her named called by Master of Ceremonies Tom Gussman. Among the prizes she won was the Woman With Style package. She also won the

Gentleman With Style package, which will translate into an elegant blazer for her husband, Mark.

Asked for her secret of success in the draw, Mrs. Siegel said the same thing the other big winners all did: the more raffle tickets you buy - and the more you help the school and the SJCC - the more likely you are to win the prize you're after. Since each prize has its own draw, people can bid on the prizes that most interest them. They can also strategize on which prizes are most popular and look for appealing items that might be overlooked by everyone else - the less people in each raffle, the better the chances of winning.

Tamir Stulberg, a first-year university student, also took in a major haul, collecting a mountain bike, a ski package and skis, sunglasses,

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Students Chana Fried and Elsheva Shaps have a good time at the auction.

and new modes of travel now available to him, Mr. Stulberg said the prizes were all he could ever want.

After all, he asked "what would I do with a yacht?"

Preparations are already under way for the fourth

annual Chinese Buffet and Auction next year. The committee is now forming. Call 798-9818 ext 247 if you would like to volunteer.

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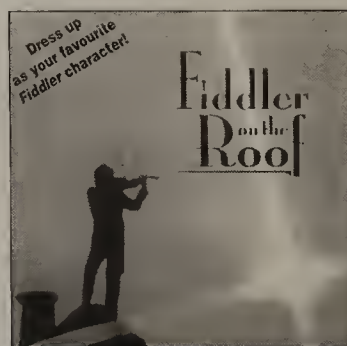
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Hillel goes Hollywood

By Benita Baker

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Guests will have the chance to experience the glitz and glamour of Hollywood by bidding on the luxury items that are the highlight of the live auction. Picture yourself in a Louis Ferand fur-lined coat, walking on your hand-woven Persian rug, gazing upon your artwork while deciding what jewelry to take on your trip. Sound enticing? When guest auctioneer Elliot Melamed of Empire Auctions presents these items for bid, lavish yourself with a taste of Hollywood and raise your hand high.

On the silent auction tables, the variety of things for sale is dazzling. Do you want to feel like a celebrity? Bid on the limousine ride. Do you want to hide from the paparazzi? Bid on sunglasses. Do you want to feel good? Bid on the NAC tickets, the esthetic services or the free snow removal. Do you want your child to feel extra special? How about a teen modeling program or Sunday tea with Morah Liz?

Hollywood also means



Glitz and glamour of Hollywood at Hillel Academy fundraising auction.

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The Akiva High School Band performs for residents of Tamir.

Akiva High School: 'the place to be on Wednesday nights'

By Andie Sigler

Akiva High School is the place to be on Wednesday nights for Jewish teens. There is something for everyone: languages, philosophy, Holocaust studies, current events, music and even cooking!

Students can pursue high school credit language courses in Hebrew and Yiddish right up to the OAC level. This year classes visit and make presentations to the residents of Hillel Lodge and Tamir in Hebrew and Yiddish.

Other courses offered include Jewish philosophy, biomedical ethics, the Shoah and anti-Semitism. One of the school's most popular classes is "Hey What's Happening?", a current events course taught by the charismatic and exuberant Professor Cammy. Professor Cammy does not lecture, he discusses. Students conduct lively debates and defend their opinions on current world issues. In addition he invites special guests and lecturers on relevant Jewish topics. Wednesday nights are truly exciting for those

lucky enough to be in this class.

For the musically inclined, Akiva Evening High School Judaica through music class provides a unique opportunity for Jewish musical studies. Students learn what makes Jewish music Jewish, and better yet, they learn to play favourite Jewish music from around the globe. The Akiva Band has performed at various venues within the Jewish community, including schools, synagogues, Hillel Lodge and Tamir House. The band has recorded a CD and has performed at the Tulip Festival. Being part of Akiva's music program allows you to experience the mitzvah of bringing joy to others through music.

One of the more enjoyable aspects of Akiva is the people. Jewish teens from all over the city get together and get to know each other and even become great buddies, both in class and during the breaks or when spending time at special holiday celebrations. These celebrations often include dramatic presentations by different classes,

as well as music, singing and the traditional holiday foods.

Extracurricular activities include leading a Shabbat services at Agudath Israel in collaboration with Talmud Torah Afternoon School. Students chant the Torah and Haftarah and offer a D'var Torah to the congregation.

Akiva High is so much fun that many students come back even after they've graduated!

Wednesday night, Akiva is the place to find Jewish teens expressing themselves creatively, enriching themselves intellectually, enjoying a delicious lesson in Jewish cooking, or chilling out with friends.

The Akiva Board plan to host an information night for interested parents on April 28, 2002, and will be followed by an Open House later in May. For more information about Akiva Evening High School please call principal, Hillel Taub (722-8827).

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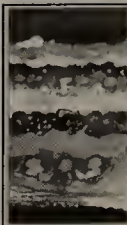
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A sound engineer helps the Torah Academy Boys Choir make a professional recording of their greatest hits.

Music brings sunshine to Torah Academy

By Lauren Shaps

While the month of March was overcast and dreary, Torah Academy was filled with a unique sunshine that comes from song.

The Torah Academy Girls Choir was busy practising with students from other schools for their big night at the Shifra-Puah sponsored community-wide Talent Show recently held at Congregation Machzikei Hadas. Amongst the songs chosen by Torah Academy teacher and Shifra-Puah Director Devorah Teitelbaum, was one dedicated to the hard work and unconditional love provided by mothers. By the end of the song, there were no dry eyes in the entire audience.

Following their stellar performance at the Torah

Academy of Ottawa - Soloway Jewish Community Centre Chinese Auction, the Torah Academy Boys Choir headed to the studio to make a professional recording of their greatest hits. While the boys were awestruck by the extensive (and expensive) equipment needed to produce their music, they were also quite surprised at the amount of hard work and effort needed to produce this recording. Over two hours of singing somehow condensed into six minutes of finished product! The recording was not only a fun experience, but also a true education about what goes on behind the scenes. The music engineers walked the boys through every step of the process.

Rabbi Mordechai Fried,

principal and choir director of Torah Academy, has led choirs for over 15 years. Rabbi Fried believes that all music is an important mode for students to be able to learn, and to express themselves creatively. He therefore chooses the choir members not necessarily by the qualities of their voices, but by their eagerness and willingness to participate. In addition to their vocal styling, some of the boys accompanied the choir on a variety of percussion instruments.

So, while others may have been longing for spring, Torah Academy students were warmed by the sunshine of music - an example of the unique and exciting programs available at Torah Academy.

Rabbi asks what difference does God make?

By Jason Levine

Many of us struggle with the question of 'what difference does God make?' Some openly and others keep their thoughts to themselves, but the question remains unanswered in the minds of many.

Rabbi Moty Berger is not afraid of challenging questions. He has spent the last two decades as a senior lecturer on Jewish philosophy and contemporary Jewish issues for the Aish HaTorah College of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, where he is engaged on an ongoing basis in answering challenging question.

Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Rabbi Berger lived in Baltimore for many

years where he founded *Jews for Judaism*, an organization that deals with the problem of Christian missionary activity aimed at Jews. *Jews for*

Judaism has expanded internationally and now operates branches in Toronto, New York, Los Angeles, Johannesburg, and Baltimore. In 1985, he moved with his family to Jerusalem where he currently lives and teaches. He has toured extensively, speaking in Canada, the United States, England, South Africa, and Australia.

Rabbi Berger will speak on the topic of 'What Differ-



Rabbi Moty Berger

ence Does God Make?' on April 21 at 7:30 pm in the Social Hall at the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private. The com-

munity is invited to come for dinner at 5:30 when Rabbi Berger will speak on the timely topic of 'Did We Choose to be Chosen?' The cost for the dinner is \$25.00, which includes both presentations. The cost for the evening lecture is \$10.00. For more information or to reserve your place at the dinner, contact Jewish Education Through Torah (798-9818, ext. 247).

Haifa University dean to visit Ottawa

By Terri Davis

Sociologist and criminologist Arye Rattner is the new dean of the Faculty of Social Service, Haifa University. He is a member of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and heads the university's Center for the Study of Crime, Law and Society, which are operated jointly with the Law Faculty.

Dr. Rattner is the co-author of two books. *Convicted but Innocent: Wrongful*

Conviction and Public Policy, published by Sage, was selected as the best academic book for 1996 by *Choice*, the official journal of the National Association of Librarians (USA). *Justice for All? Jews and Arabs in the Israeli Criminal Justice System* is published by Praeger. Rattner has also published articles and research reports dealing with crime trends, the criminal justice system, and illegal activities in Israeli society.

UJA in co-operation with Canadian Friends of Haifa University presents an informative evening with Prof. Rattner on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30 pm at the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building. He will be speaking on Why Do People Obey or Disobey the Law: The Law and the Legal System in the Eyes of the Splintered Israeli Society.

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The keepers of the kosher flame

By Benita Baker

"We answer to a higher authority" is a slogan used by a US manufacturer of kosher hot dogs. This catchy phrase is an accurate description of what it means to be kosher. The Jewish dietary laws of Kashruth originate in the Torah and clearly state which foods and combinations of foods are acceptable. To be certified kosher, a product must adhere to these laws of God – no ifs, ands or buts.

To many kosher is a way of life, at the very foundation of their Jewish identity. To others, kosher represents a medical necessity, a healthy alternative or a philosophical choice. No matter why consumers choose to purchase kosher foods, they are all doing so with the implicit understanding of what the product is, what ingredients it does or does not contain and how it was prepared. The kosher seal provides this guarantee.

The strict guidelines that define kosher food have made the kosher endorsement universally known, respected and recognized. Upholding and protecting kosher standards is essential. With 100,000 kosher products on the market, manufactured by over 10,000 companies worldwide, how are kosher standards maintained?

The huge responsibility of

preserving and safeguarding the Jewish dietary laws begins with the over 300 certification agencies worldwide that supervise, inspect and endorse kosher products. At the head of each agency is a highly trained rabbi responsible for overseeing and maintaining the integrity of the kosher certification process. The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, or Orthodox Union, is the largest kosher agency, certifying the products of over 2,300 companies. Some other well known agencies include Star-K and Kof-K. In Canada, two of the major kosher authorities are the Montreal Vaad Ha'ir and Kashruth Council of Canada. Ottawa's certification agency is the Vaad HaKashrut. In addition to these agencies, there are "private label" kosher certifications given by individual rabbis. Sirets products, for example, are certified kosher by Rabbi M. Soloveichik.

Since it is impossible for a single rabbi to monitor the preparation of every product that is certified, he appoints a specialized food supervisor called a "mashgiach" to act on his behalf. The mashgiach is trained by the rabbi to understand the complex kosher laws and to confirm that a product is prepared in accordance with these laws.

Each certifying agency or individual has its own

"hechsher," the symbol affixed to the product label verifying that the item has been produced under their supervision and meets their standards of kosher. This is the symbol that consumers will check for when purchasing a kosher product. OU is the mark of the Orthodox Union, MK identifies products endorsed by the Montreal Vaad Ha'ir and COR identifies the Kashruth Council of Canada.

Like religious observance, kashruth standards can differ by community, by rabbi, by mashgiach and by individual. Similarly, each certifying authority may interpret the requirements for kosher validation differently – some more stringently than others.

While one authority may accept intermittent supervision of a production facility, another may require that the production process be constantly monitored. One agency may allow a particular preservative, additive or artificial flavour in a kosher product while one may not.

Consequently, in the eyes of the pious, not all kosher products are created equal. There is in fact a hierarchy of hechshers that is based upon the standards of each certifying authority and the principles of each individual or community. Like other reliable kosher organizations, Rabbi Mitchell Cohen, direc-

tor of the Ottawa Vaad HaKashrut, considers many of the certification agencies as sub-standard because their procedures are unreliable. As the person responsible for setting the kosher policy and standards for the Ottawa community, he does not sanction products from these questionable agencies.

Some governments have taken on the responsibility of preserving the integrity of kosher food through legal safeguards. Section B.01.049 of Canada's *Food and Drug Regulations* prohibits the use of the word kosher or any letter of the Hebrew alphabet, or any other word, expression, depiction, sign, symbol, mark, device or other representation that may create an impression that the food is kosher, if the food does not meet Kashruth requirements. This applies also to the terms "kosher style" and "kind of kosher."

In the US, the New York Department of Agriculture and Markets has created the Kosher Law Enforcement Division (KLED) to guard against mislabeling and misrepresentation of kosher products. The KLED ensures that the labeling of all kosher products adheres to the state laws and that the regulations governing the labeling, handling and transportation of meat and poultry are strictly enforced.

Every food consumer

KOSHER CERTIFICATION AGENCIES BY COUNTRY

Country	Number of Agencies
Canada	10
United States	177
South America	8
Europe	33
Asia	1
Africa	2
Australia	11
New Zealand	2
Israel	103
TOTAL	347

(from United Kashruth Authority www.kosher.co.il)

must trust that the items they purchase will be clean and produced in a sanitary manner. The average consumer rarely takes the time to read product packaging or think about the origin of ingredients.

To buyers of kosher food the label is everything. Behind the kosher label is a huge industry and a vast net-

work of people dedicated to upholding the kosher standard, however they interpret it. Even civil governments recognize the vital importance of protecting the honour of kosher principles. No matter how it is understood or applied, the kosher seal is a continual reminder that kosher begins and ends with the highest authority.

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Photographs of 'stars' featured at Ottawa Bagelshop

Ottawa filmmaker, photographer Lois Siegel exhibit on until April 17

By Sharon Abnon Drache

What do you do when you turn 50? For filmmaker, photographer, teacher and writer, Lois Siegel, the answer is simple. You grow tired of commuting from Montreal to Ottawa, move to the capital, and learn how to play the violin.

Siegel is a powerhouse with 30 years of teaching under her belt at Concordia University and Dawson College where she specialized in modern cinema, documentary film and film animation. Now she resides in Ottawa and teaches studio production at Ottawa University, because "teaching puts food on the table, and so does writing." Siegel is currently working as a writer on the upcoming studio production of CBC's Life and Times portrait of Christopher Plummer. Siegel says, "When I am really working I like to have fun," and what Siegel has most fun doing is making films - 26 to date.

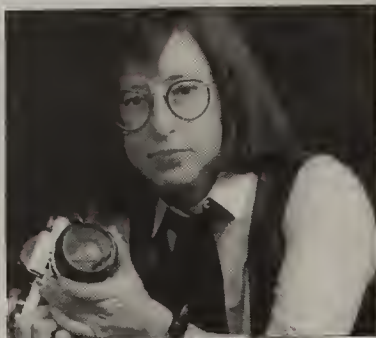
But still photography is a first love, ever since Siegel studied Journalism at Ohio University in the late 1960s. An American by birth (b. Milwaukee, Wisconsin), she took out Canadian citizenship after moving to Montreal in the early 1970s.

Until April 17, The Ottawa Bagelshop and Deli at 1321 Wellington features a Lois Siegel retrospective exhibition including several new Ottawa photographs - 84 inclusive, on its restaurant's walls, called *Stars*. "The Ottawa bagel and deli is an

ideal place to have a show because there is lots of wall space and there are people, and not just people who go to art galleries, but people who work and shop in the area, and who are part of the local community. I like that - the mixed audience. Also, it makes the place look like a Hollywood deli." Hence the name of the exhibition, *Stars*, but Siegel's stars are not only actors and actresses. Alongside Sophia Loren and Michael Douglas are photos of famous and not-so-famous artistic personalities.

A prime example is a recent photo of Gordon Slater, Parliament's carillonist and director of Ottawa's Divertimento Orchestra (a 60-piece amateur orchestra in which Siegel plays violin). Siegel photographed Slater in the Peace Tower where he plays a concert every day at noon. "What he plays resembles an organ but with levers, and he puts on gloves, and off he goes." Siegel strikes an imitative melody. "There is this man, alone in this tiny room, and nobody knows he is there." This explanation is exactly the moment a click of Siegel's camera managed to catch.

Another recent photo of an artist at work is Alexis MacIsaac, a 15-year-old local prodigy, who plays the



Lois Siegel's *Baseball Girls* has recently been sold to a US cable network.

violin. She is the cousin of the famous Cape Breton violinist Ashley MacIsaac and played at Siegel's vernissage. It was Ottawa Bagelshop owner Vince Piazza's idea to have a fiddler at the opening, because Siegel has been studying violin for six years. It was also his idea to have a movie screen showing clips from some of Siegel's 26 films. Siegel considers Piazza a patron and promoter of the arts.

Siegel began making films in the early 1970s when she moved to Montreal. "I started with the National Film Board's Studio D, the

women's unit, where I learned to be a camera man (camera person, she chuckles, correcting herself), and then I switched to the studio specializing in documentary films." Her biggest success to date is *Baseball Girls*, an 82-minute documentary which is not just a film about baseball, but a film about women. Recently, it was bought by Oxygen, a new women's TV network owned partially by Oprah Winfrey. It is different from a *League of Their Own* which focused on an all-American women's professional baseball team. Siegel's documentary pre-

sents a comprehensive historical account. "It is the only baseball film I know of that starts with the Bloomer Girls in New York and Pennsylvania and Vassar ladies in their long skirts - turn of the 20th century material." And for Siegel, women playing baseball is intertwined with their struggles. "Women were told you cannot do this, and women said, 'Yes, we can!'"

Baseball Girls was shot in Canada from Halifax to Vancouver during three successive summers ('92, '93 and '94), because "you can't shoot baseball in winter." A highlight was when Siegel filmed the Japanese women's softball team. In one clip she caught the coaches explaining to the women that baseball is like war and you have to kill your opponent or be killed. "We got this in translation," Siegel proudly adds. "The Japanese team was tremendously disciplined. They got up early in the morning to do exercises, and

I caught them in film looking like synchronized swimmers - they were incredible baseball players, too.

"But *Baseball Girls* tracks all women baseball players," Siegel says, "young and old, school girls to housewives."

Siegel's still photograph retrospective features personalities from all artistic persuasions, including some of our best writers. Of special interest are photos of Mordecai Richler from 1982 when he was shooting *Daddy Kravitz* in Montreal, and of Irving Layton when Don Winkler (colleague and friend of Siegel's) was making a film about the poet in 1985. Siegel beams, "For the Layton photo the light was just right. It captured Layton's contemplative nature. He was reading something during a break in the shoot." Catching the moment or creating a history of moments through film, Siegel is a devoted storyteller. She hardly stops to catch her breath, except to play the fiddle.

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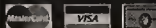
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Jennifer Dickson

PERSEPHONE'S PATHWAY (THE BUTCHART GARDEN), 2000. Hillel Lodge.

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As a painter, photographer and printmaker, Jennifer Dickson enjoys pushing each of these media to their limits.

She enthusiastically embraces the new technology of the avant-garde art world, yet adamantly rejects the ugliness of the 20th century's most outrageous styles.

After a personal illness in the late 1970s, Dickson borrowed her husband's camera and sought solace in the tranquil environment of gardens. This retreat began an adventure with photography and the adoption of a motif, the garden that she continues to explore to this day.

British Columbia's Butchart Garden, the site of Persephone's Pathway, ap-

pealed to the artist on many levels. The notion of Mrs. Butchart creating a distinguished garden out of a bleak and exhausted quarry (Mr. Butchart made his money from cement) excited the artist's desire to make the world more beautiful.

Dickson also believes in a garden's universality, at the same time, this photograph documents a specific Western Canadian landmark; which incidentally reveals the love of her adopted country. (Jennifer Dickson was born in South Africa.)

The artist admires the classical world as is evident in so many of her photographs. *Persephone's Pathway* refers to the fig-

ure of Persephone, a pre-Greek goddess who was carried off by Hades and forced to spend half the year underground.

This metaphor for the seasons of the year specifically acknowledges the germination of seeds and their rebirth each spring.

It is remarkable that the

title of this photograph, and not the image, conjures up a figure of the ancient world. Thus Dickson captures the imagination of a world-gone-by but conveying a timeless state of innocence – a garden sanctuary accessible to us all.

This photograph hangs on one side of the fireplace



Jennifer Dickson, *Persephone's Pathway (The Butchart Garden)*, 2000.

in the lobby of Hillel Lodge by Dickson that hangs on the other side of the fireplace. Next month I will highlight a second photograph

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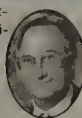
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Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

Holocaust fiction for kids of all ages, as well as adults, is a valuable contribution to memorializing that catastrophic period of Jewish history. It offers readers an accessible, vicarious way of understanding the attitudes, emotions, and many of the factual realities of what men, women and children much like ourselves experienced during those treacherous years.

The following two works of Holocaust fiction take very different approaches to helping ensure we will always remember.

Mara's Stories

Glimmers In The Darkness

By Gary Schmidt

Henry Holt and Company 2001

149 pps. Ages 10 and up

Mara's Stories is an exquisite collection of twenty-two short tales. A few are relatively modern, but most are adapted from Jewish folklore. Their storyteller dresses them in Holocaust garb and whisks one each night in the terrifying darkness of a women's death camp barracks.

In this way Mara, the daughter of a Hasidic rabbi, comforts herself and the women and children interned with her. With this simple ritual of childhood, the bedtime story, Mara and her listeners temporarily escape their cold, bitter, morbid reality.

The stories themselves are a testament to the power of words as a source of light, warmth, and courage and, above all, hope. Emotionally the stories link the inmates with the spirit and values of their heritage, and, through Mara, with the ultimate source of stories and hope, God. In effect Mara is leading her congregation in prayer, the greatest act of defiance.

Sadness, loneliness, mystery, bittersweet humour - these elements and more captivate listeners and readers alike. Together we ponder the meaning and solutions of stories though the children naturally "listen and understand." An innocence courageously proclaimed in a death camp.

By now you've noticed that I'm not describing any of the stories. That's because I don't want to say anything

Portraying the Holocaust in fiction

that would lead to specific images taking root before you and your children read them. Like a Rorschach test, the stories work so well, singly and in total, because of what each reader brings to them.

Detailed source notes about each story, its origin, and why its characters have been given specific names add an extra dimension of thoughtfulness to this well crafted, inspiring book. Be sure to give *Mara's Stories* your undivided attention.

My Canary Yellow Star

By Eva Wiseman

Tundra Books 2001

234 pps. Ages 11 and up

During the Second World War, each European country sympathetic to the Nazis and/or taken over by the Nazis - sooner or later, willingly or unwillingly - imposed Germany's dehumanizing anti-Jewish decrees and eventually deported its Jews. *My Canary Yellow Star* sets this story in an all too willing Hungary.

Focusing on 15-year-old Marta Weisz and her family, the story begins in 1944 at the transition point in Hungarian history when Jewish adult males were being sent to forced labour camps on the Eastern Front and their children were beginning to feel the effects of restrictive edicts.

Within a few pages readers are introduced to the Weisz family's upper middle class lifestyle in Budapest and to some of their Jewish and non-Jewish friends. Their situation changes quickly and drastically as the Hungarian Arrow Cross, Hungary's native fascist party, imposes its iron will and German desires.

How Marta and her family adapt, the details of their daily lives, their hopes, fears, embarrassments, and dangers are portrayed with vivid poignancy. Early on we learn that Marta's brother knows about what has happened to Jews in other countries. The now fatherless family refuses to believe him.

Later we learn about a Hungarian resistance movement. Though it remains a shadowy part of the story, its presence is vital. It lends heartbreaking credibility to Marta's first love, a gentle boy. And it provides the mechanism for the fictional Marta's first contact with a very real Holocaust hero, the Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg.

Even with Wallenberg's Schutz-Passe which enabled thousands of Hungarian Jews to avoid deportation and death, life for Marta, her family and friends becomes even more raw and dangerous. Through it all, the struggle for

My Canary Yellow Star



From *My Canary Yellow Star*

survival vies with desires for and desperate attempts at normalcy.

These ingredients and more are woven together in a fast paced story line focusing on Mara's determination, true grit, and, on occasion, sheer luck. *My Canary Yellow Star* is a dynamic, nail-biting read.

To add to its virtues, *My Canary Yellow Star* is an all-Canadian production. Author, Eva Weizmann was born in Hungary. She came to Canada as a child and now lives in Winnipeg. Tundra Books is a Toronto publisher. Super, gang. Keep up the great work!

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Chocolate Nut Wontons with Dipping Sauce

Wontons:

- 4 oz semi-sweet chocolate, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup ground toasted macadamia nuts
- 2 tsp finely minced candied ginger
- 1/4 cup cream cheese, softened
- 2 tbsp sugar
- Pinch cinnamon
- 30 wonton wrappers
- Vegetable oil, for frying

Dipping Sauce:

- 1 very ripe mango, peeled and diced
- 2 tsp chopped candied ginger
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp fresh lime juice
- 1/2 cup icing sugar

For dipping sauce: Place the mango, ginger, brown sugar, and lime juice in a blender or processor and blend until smooth. Chill until needed. This can be made up to two days ahead.

For filling: Combine the chocolate, nuts, and ginger in a bowl and mix well. Add the cream cheese, sugar, and cinnamon and mix well.

Chinese-style desserts a perfect ending to a meal

Assembly: Place a wonton wrapper on a work surface. Place about 1 tsp of the filling in the centre of the wrapper. With a fingertip lightly moisten the edges with water. Fold the sides of the wrapper over the filling to form a triangle, and press to seal. Bring the two corners on the longest end of the triangle together and pinch well. Repeat with the remaining wrappers and filling.

Cooking: Heat about 4" of oil in a heavy bottomed pot over high heat until it reaches 350°. Add as many wontons that you can to fill the pan in a single layer and cook until golden brown, 3 to 4 minutes. Drain on paper towels and dust with icing sugar. Continue with the remaining wontons. Serve warm with the dipping sauce. Serves 6.

Note: These wontons can be prepared ahead and frozen in a single layer on a parchment or waxed paper lined cookie sheet. When frozen through, transfer to freezer bags. When frying, do not defrost before dropping into very hot oil, however stand back so you won't be splattered with oil.

Caramel Apple Egg Rolls

- 3 hard, tart apples, peeled and diced
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup brandy or rum
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp allspice
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- Pinch of ground cloves

- 1 heaping tbsp finely diced candied ginger
- 12 egg roll wrappers
- 1 egg beaten with 1 tbsp cold water
- Vegetable oil, for deep-frying
- 2/3 cup icing sugar
- 1 quart vanilla ice cream
- 1 cup best quality caramel sauce

Filling: Toss the apples with about 1 tbsp of the sugar and set aside. Place the remaining sugar in a large sauté pan over high heat and cook, without stirring, until the sugar starts to caramelize and turns golden brown, 3 to 4 minutes. Make sure you watch it so it doesn't burn. Add the apples and toss to coat with the sugar. Remove the pan from the heat, add the brandy or rum, and then place it back on the stove, watching carefully. Bring the liquor to a boil, add the butter, vanilla, cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg, and cloves, and cook until the apples are tender, about 4 minutes. Transfer the mixture to a large bowl and let cool until lukewarm. Add the candied ginger and mix well.

To Assemble: Place 1 egg roll wrapper on a flat surface, with a corner pointing toward you (as you look down on it, the wrapper should be a diamond shape). Place a heaping tbsp of the filling on the wrapper about 1/2" from the corner closest to you, and then fold the corner over the filling. Fold the side corners over the filling, then roll to the opposite corner to form a cylinder. Brush the edge of the wrapper with the beaten egg to seal. Continue with the remaining wrappers and filling. Heat about 4" of oil in a large pot over high heat until it reaches 350°. Add as many egg rolls as will fit without crowding, and fry until golden brown, 1 to 2 minutes. Drain on paper towels. Let cool for 3 to 4 minutes, then dust with icing sugar. Continue with the remaining egg rolls. Serve warm or at room temperature with vanilla ice cream and/or caramel sauce. Serves 4 to 6.

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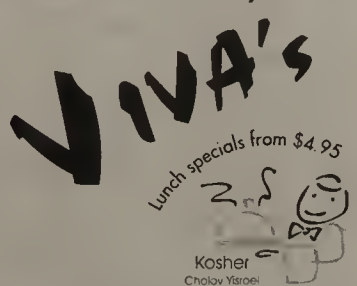
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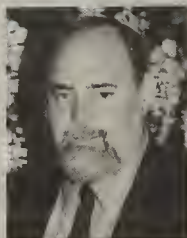
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In memory of Rose Roodman by Dorothy and Herb Nadoch.

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Wishing Henry and Joan Bloom and family a happy and healthy Passover by Oundi and Lyon Sachs and family.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Reuven and Leah Bulka on their marriage and wishing them and their family a happy and healthy Passover by Oundi and Lyon Sachs and family.

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Mazel Tov to Rabbi Reuven and Leah Bulka on their marriage by Gary and Debra Viner and family.

WASERMAN FAMILY MEMORIAL FUND

Mazel Tov to Sheila and Morton Tanner on the engagement of Nardel to Brandee Polsky by Ariene and Mel Schweg and family.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dearly loved husband, father and grandfather Hyman Waserman by Dora Waserman and family.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a sadly missed father and grandfather Hyman Waserman by Ariene and Mel Schweg, Karen and Andre and Ian and Jessica.

ROBERT WENER AND LYNNE ORECK WENER FAMILY FUND

Wishing Leah Altman a speedy recovery by Lynn Oreck-Wener, Bobbie, Taryn, Eleni and Hart Wener.

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NYME WHITZMAN COMMUNITY FUND

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Schwitzer.

Mazel Tov to Naomi Muroff on her Bat Mitzvah by Leah Schwitzer.

Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Isserlin on Ruthie's engagement to Michael Weinberger by Kathi Kovacs, Irwin Schwitzer and Leah.

Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Isserlin on Ben's engagement to Maya by Kathi Kovacs, Irwin Schwitzer and Leah.

Mazel Tov to Ashley Seigel on her Bat Mitzvah by Leah Schwitzer.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. David Burger on Shlomo's Bat Mitzvah by Kathi Kovacs, Irwin Schwitzer and Leah.

In appreciation to Tess Fischer by Leah Schwitzer.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of our dear father Les Kovacs by Kathi Kovacs and Irwin Schwitzer and Sandy and George Kovacs.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of our beloved grandfather Les Kovacs by Leah Kovacs Schwitzer and Hanna, Maya, Ben and Aaron Kovacs.

JONATHAN SNERMAN MITZVAH FUND

Best wishes to Ami May for a happy special birthday by Bea and Murray Garceau.

In memory of Michael Aronovitch by Bea and Murray Garceau.

ELAYNA THAW MITZVAH FUND

Mazel Tov to Barbara and Gerry Thaw on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Alayna by Elsa and Norman Swedko, by the Board and Staff of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, and by Kayla and Alvin Mallay.

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Saul Silverman

The Talmud says: "To save a single life is to save a whole world." We owe much to the individuals who saved lives during the Holocaust. In a time of great darkness, compassion and other basic human values were not totally obliterated, even though a majority turned their backs on the victims.

Organized Rescue

One of the earliest and most significant of organized rescue efforts was the Jewish Agency's establishment of Youth Aliyah in 1934. Jewish youth (initially from Germany) were selected, trained for Aliyah and brought to the settlements of Jewish Palestine, where they could get a new start in life.

Henrietta Szold took charge of Youth Aliyah for the Jewish Agency (http://www.hadassah.org/85th_pages/hs_bio.htm).

The effort was widely supported – in Canada for example, Hadassah-WIZO raised funds for this work from the beginning, and continues to support Youth Aliyah as an important youth program in Israel. Between 1934 and 1945, 11,000 Jewish youth were brought from Europe to the Yishuv; after the war, Youth Aliyah took responsibility for 15,000 Holocaust orphans. In over 65 years, it is estimated that about 10 per cent of the present Jewish population of Israel has been helped by this program. A Web page tells the story of Youth Aliyah in the context of Aliyah to Israel (<http://www.netanyahu.org/ohio.con.html>).

A second organized migration of children and youth from Germany was set up after Kristallnacht, in

Saving lives during the Holocaust

November 1938. This was the "Kindertransport", which brought out children from Germany to be taken care of by British families. On the appeal of the British Jewish Refugee Committee, members of Parliament debated the plight of German Jews and decided to admit to Britain an unspecified number of children between the ages of 5 and 17. From January 1939 to the start of the war, about 10,000 children came to Britain under this program. Check the Kindertransport alumni association's site (<http://www.kindertransport.org/history.html>).

Individual Rescuers

A number of websites summarize, or have links to, the stories of the individual heroes and heroines who sheltered or rescued Jews in every country where they were persecuted. I'll suggest two of these for a start.

The links page of the International Raoul Wallenberg Foundation provides a number of useful background links (<http://www.raoul-wallenberg.org/ar/english/wall>

[efaving.htm](http://www.raoul-wallenberg.org/ar/english/wall)). Among these are sections on "Diplomacy and the Holocaust" (including information on diplomats who saved Jews) and "Rescuing Jews in Nazi Germany."

Israel's Holocaust Memorial, Yad Vashem, has a website that includes a section on the Righteous Among the Gentiles (http://www.yad-vashem.org.il/righteous/index_righteous.html). There are links near the top of this Web page which can be clicked to open up various items, for example, a list of rescuers organized by country which leads to individual profiles.

Oscar Schindler

and Raoul Wallenberg. The two best known of the individual Holocaust rescuers are Oscar Schindler and Raoul Wallenberg.

Schindler, the hero of the Thomas Kenneally novel and Steven Spielberg's film, *Schindler's List*, was a German who originally was quite prepared to profit from the expropriation of Jewish assets but became a major rescuer when he was faced

with the mass murder of Jewish men, women and children in Cracow. A Danish Holocaust site contains the real story of Schindler, including the text of the full list of people rescued and interviews with survivors, as well as biographies of Schindler and his wife, and an essay speculating on the reasons for Schindler's decision to act (<http://auschwitz.dk/Schindlerslist.htm>).

Raoul Wallenberg, a member of the prominent Swedish banking family, was appointed Secretary at the Swedish Embassy in Budapest. When he arrived in July 1944, the Germans and their Hungarian allies were in the midst of annihilating the last large Jewish community under their occupation. Wallenberg, by organizing and forging papers, securing cooperation from other diplomats, and establishing safe houses, rescued up to 100,000 Hungarian Jews in the period before the Soviet liberation, in January 1945. He then disappeared and, it is widely believed, spent

decades in the Soviet gulag camps, where he died. A good site is <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Academy/2393/>.

The Significance

of Holocaust Rescue

Holocaust rescue occurred at a time when so many individuals and countries either helped the genocide, directly or indirectly, or acquiesced and profited from it.



What can people today learn from those who took risks in order to shelter, rescue or otherwise help endangered Jews? Professor Chris Jazwinski's website for his course on Psychology of Helping, Altruism and Holocaust Rescue, (<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/~jazwinski/>) discusses these questions.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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MONDAY APRIL 15	TUESDAY APRIL 16	WEDNESDAY APRIL 17	THURSDAY APRIL 18	FRIDAY APRIL 19	SATURDAY APRIL 20	SUNDAY APRIL 21
 The Centre of Your Life The Soloway Jewish Community Centre Friendship Club, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, noon. AJA 50+ Drawing and Art for Pleasure, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m. NCSY Pizza and a Movie for all High School Students, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m. Yom Hashkaron Ceremony, The Embassy of Israel, in association with the Vard Israel Cultural Program, Congregation Machzkei Hadas, 2310 Virginia Drive, 7:30 p.m.	AJA 50+ Current Events, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 10:00 a.m. JET Living Judaism, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 221 Nadolny Sachs Private, 12:00 p.m. AJA 50+ Folk Singing, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m. Yom Ha'atzmaut, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m. AJA 50+ Western Line Dancing, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 2:30 p.m. The Book of Psalms for Men and Women, led by Shlomo Harary, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 6:15 p.m. Talmud Classes for Men with Rabbi Botnick, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m. The Book of Ethics for Women, with Bella Steinberg, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m.	Yom Ha'atzmaut, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 10:30 a.m. Shira Ottawa Choir rehearsal, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m. AJA 50+ Yiddish Class, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m. SJCC, Mitzvah Knitters, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m. Tamir Foundation, Choir, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 4:30 p.m. Henry "Hank" Toronto 39th Beaver C, Hill Academy, 31 Nadolny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m. Beth Shalom Congregation, Portion of the week for Men & Women, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street 7:00 p.m. Beth Shalom Congregation, The Miracle Begins Group, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street 8:00 p.m.	JET, Pikel Avot/Stone for Truth, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 9:00 a.m. AJA 50+ Jews in Music, Mahler, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 10:00 a.m. AJA 50+ Drop-in Bridge, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m. JET Parshat Hashavua, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m. JET, The University Connection, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m. JET Learn to Learn Chumash, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 8:30 p.m. SJCC, Kallah, God: Personal Thoughts, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, 9:00 p.m.	Growing Tree Visiting Days, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 8:45 a.m.  CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 7:03 PM	"Hand in Hand with the Rebbe" - a Chassidic Melave Malka and tarbrenen for children, songs, video, refreshments, sponsored by the Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 p.m.	Beth Shalom Youth Choir rehearsals, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 9:30 a.m. Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Botnick, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 10:15 a.m. SJCC Presents "Singalong Fiddler" at the Mayfair Theatre, Bank & Sunnyside, 1:30 p.m. Temple Israel, Adult Education Program, Prof. Michal Gardaz will speak on Islam, The Life of Mohamed, Temple Israel Congregation, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, 7:30 p.m. Talmud Study Group for Men, Machzkei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Avenue, 8:30 p.m.

Yom Hazikaron/Yom Ha'Atzmaut • Apr 15/16

JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 8	TUESDAY, APRIL 9	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10	THURSDAY, APRIL 11	FRIDAY, APRIL 12	SATURDAY, APRIL 13	SUNDAY, APRIL 14
 The Soloway Jewish Community Centre Friendship Club , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, noon. AJASO+ Gardening with Bert, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m. Yom HaShoah Community Commemoration , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.	JET Living Judaism , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, noon. AJA 50+ Western Line Dancing , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 2:30 p.m. The Book of Psalms for Men and Women, led by Shlomo Horang, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 6:15 p.m. UJA and Canadian Friends of Halls University lecture with Professor Ayre Ratner, topic: Why do people obey or disobey the Law: The Law and the Legal System in the Eyes of the Splintered Israeli, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m. The Book of Ethics for Women, with Bella Steinberg, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m. Talmud Classes for Men with Rabbi Botnick, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:15 p.m.	JET, Omer , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 7:45 a.m. AJASO+ Yiddish Class , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m. SJCC, Mitzvah Knitters , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m. Temir Foundation Choir , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 4:30 p.m. Henry "Hank" Toronto 39th Beaver Cub Pack, Hill Academy, 31 Nadohly Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m. Shira Ottawa Choir rehearsal, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m. Beth Shalom Portion of the Week Class for Men and Women, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:00 p.m. The Miracle Begins Group of Narcotics Anonymous, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 8:00 p.m.	 JET, Pirkei Avot/Strive for Truth , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 8:00 a.m. AJASO+ Jews in Music Mahler, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 10:00 a.m. AJASO+ Drop-in Bridge , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m. Temple Israel Congregation , Prime Time, topic: Helping Youth to Understand the Holocaust, guest speaker, Ely-Boltegraaf and David Shentow, Temple Israel Congregation, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, noon. JET, Parshat Hashavua , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m. JET, The University Connection , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m. JET, Learn to Learn Chumash , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 8:30 p.m.	 CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 6:54 PM	Growing Tree Visiting Days , Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 8:45 a.m. "Hand in Hand with the Rebbe" - a Chassidic Melaveh Melka and farbrengen for children, songs, video, refreshments, sponsored by the Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 p.m.	Mitzvah Day: "Building a Healthier Community," breakfast, panel discussion, Health Marketplace keynote speaker Dr. Gary Viner, co-sponsored by Agudath Israel Social Action Committee and Temple Israel Social Action Committee, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, admission donation to the Kosher Food Bank, 9:30 a.m. Beth Shalom Youth Choir rehearsals, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 9:30 a.m. Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Botnick , Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 10:15 a.m. Tamir Foundation, Move & Relax Program , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 10:30 a.m. Tamir Foundation, Sing & Play Along Program , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, noon. SJCC Evening in Las Vegas Seven Card Stud Poker Tournament , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 5:00 p.m. Tamir Foundation, Movie Night , The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadohly Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m. Talmud Study Group for Men , Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Avenue, 8:30 p.m.

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